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8 June 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: OC Equipment Board Members

SUBJECT : Minutes of the Equipment Board Meeting
of 5 June 1973

Meeting No. 3-73 of the Office of Communications Equipment Board was held on 5 June 1973 in Room 2D03 Headquarters Building. Those present were:

Mr.
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Also Present:

Item I - Mr. [] explained the DICOL problem as it applies to the use of OC assets and resources. He said that Mr. [] had suggested that the matter be brought before the Equipment Board for recommendations. Mr. [] then presented a hand-out for consideration by the board members (see attachment A). Much discussion followed about the pros and cons of DICOL as measured in reduction of pass-slot violations. Mr. [] made the point that a pass-slot violation is not as serious as some security violations since cleared [] Employees man the other side of the slots. All members agreed that in terms of cost, manpower and utility, DICOL was not worth the price. Mr. [] made a motion that we discontinue the installation of the mandatory DICOL modification and authorize disabling the existing modifications in areas that are having technical problems with it. The Board Members voted unanimously in favor of the recommendation.

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Action Required: Mr. [] will advise the concerned overseas Area Headquarters of the above decision.

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Item II - Mr. [] stated that the second agenda item was a status report on a DDS&T/OD&E study proposal for a Back-up Communications Satellite. Mr. [] stated that funds for an OC study have been programmed for FY-75 and the OD&E study will be one of the inputs for that study. He then asked Dr. [] to present a status report on the progress made thus far by OD&E.

Dr. [] stated that OD&E began by trying to pull together all Communications requirements, Inter-Agency, to study how a Communications Satellite System could meet all requirements. He went on to state that the Classification of the report is TOP-SECRET [] Therefore, the minutes will reflect only the information commonly known within OC, plus some dollar figures which are not TOP SECRET code-word.

Dr. [] described the requirements which OD&E provided the three contactors [] Those pertaining to OC were:

User A. -

User B. -

User D. -

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